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The Mustang

1956

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Foreword

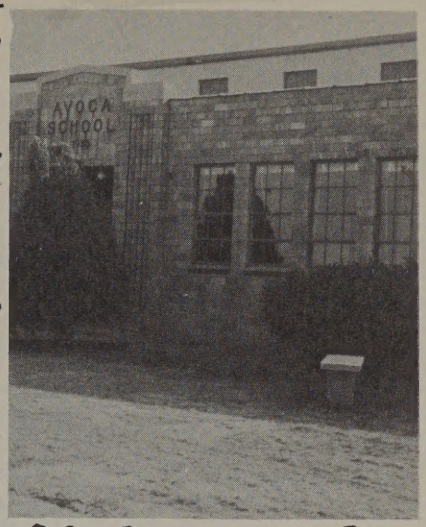
As you turn through the pages of your 1955-56 MUSTANG, we hope that we have been able to bring back to your memory the years spent at Avoca High School; recalling the happiest hours, the valued friends, and the best-loved scenes.

To the students, faculty, merchants, and other friends, we wish to express our gratitude for your cooperation and support.

The Annual Staff
Rose Fudge, Editor

Standing: Shelton, Townsend, Muehlstein, Whitworth, Ham, Mrs. Lewis, Sponsor; Burnham, and Lyckman. Seated: Workman, Hughes, Rose Fudge, Editor; Foster, Bolding.

Dedication

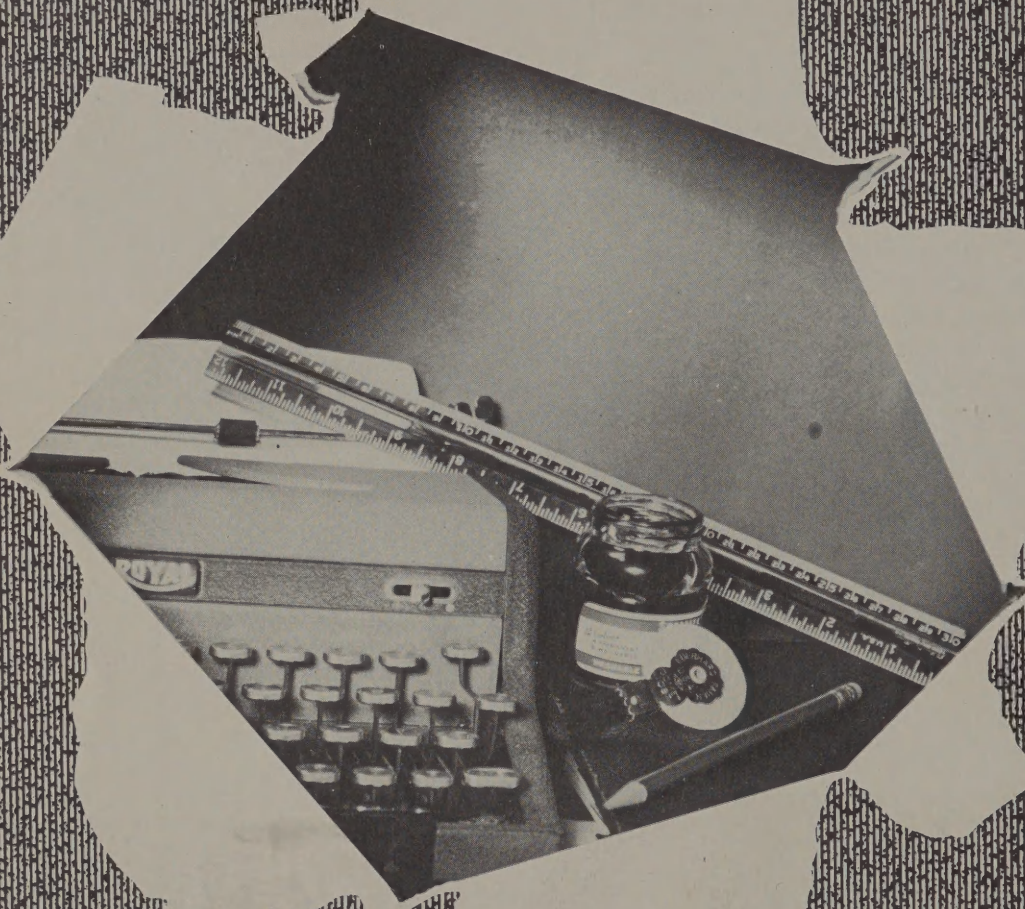


Because she is loved by all who know her;
Because she always has a smile and a word of encouragement for her students;
Because she has inspired her pupils to higher accomplishments;
Because she is interested in helping to find just the right book, film, or article with which to enrich her teaching;
Because she creates and maintains a pleasant, cooperative spirit in classes and study hall;
Because she is understanding and sympathetic towards the trials of others;
We wish to dedicate the MUSTANG of 1956 to

MRS. LOIS HASTINGS,

teacher of English, Spanish, and typewriting.

MRS. LOIS HASTINGS



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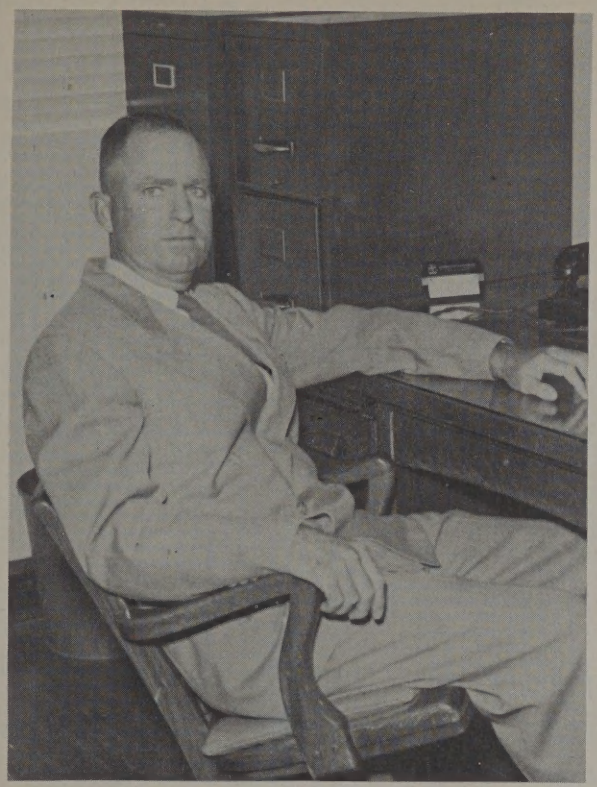


MR. GRANVILLE E. HASTINGS
Superintendent

Superintendent's Message

To the Class of 1956:

As you look back upon your 1955-56 school days, may you remember with enjoyment the good times you have had with your friends, and with satisfaction the profitable hours you have spent in the classroom.

As you leave this school and the sincere interest and guidance of the faculty, may those things we have tried to teach you about being a worthwhile citizen in a democratic society be a stabilizing influence in your daily lives.

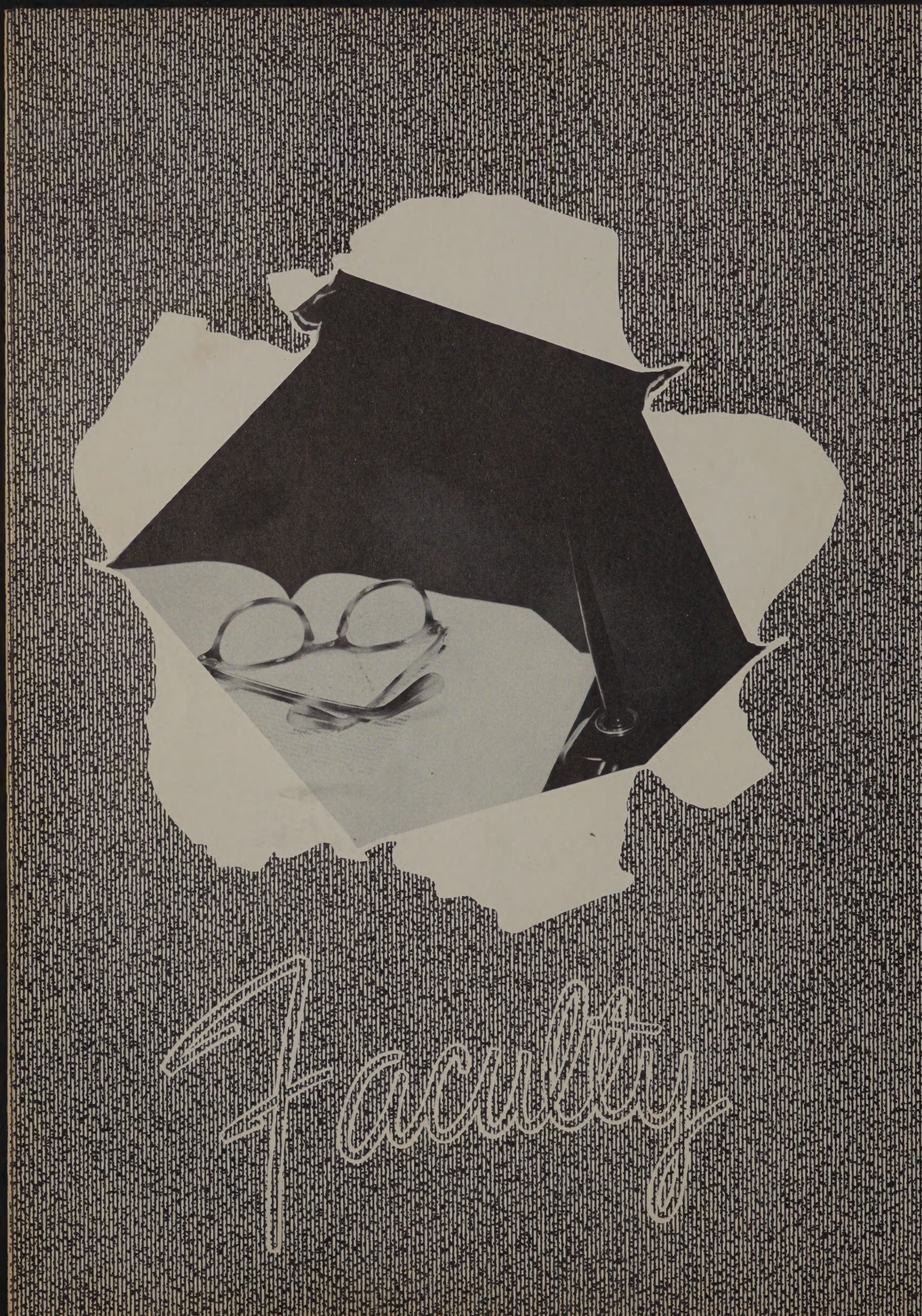
May you forever cherish the happy memories of your days in Avoca High School.

Sincerely,

G. E. Hastings

Board of Trustees

Standing: Mr. T. A. Masters, Mr. Odis Shelton, Mr. Lewis Byrd, Mr. Oliver Swenson.
Seated: Mr. Willie Boedeker, Secretary; Mr. Robert Thane, Vice President; Mr. Frank Meleen, President.


Round-Up

Faculty

Principal J.E. CONNEL
B.S., ACC
Science, History

MR. GERALD PROCTOR
B.S., Texas A&M
Vocational Agriculture

MRS. JUANITA GOSS
B.S., TSCW
Homemaking

MR. R.H. MEIXNER
B.A., M.A., SMU
Biology, Driver Ed.

MRS. LORA LEWIS
B.S., TSCW; M.A., HSU
Math., History

MRS. LOIS HASTINGS
B.A., ACC
English, Typewriting

MRS. CORA TURNER
B.S., McMurry
Sixth and Seventh

MRS. DORIS PREWIT
B.S., HSU
Fourth and Fifth

MRS. WILLIE WILLIAMS
B.S., HSU
Second and Third

MRS. ORA GILLESPIE
B.S., McMurry; M.E., HSU
First

MRS. ELLA HANSEN
HSU
Music

MRS. LOIS STEPHENS
R.N., W. Tex. Hospital
County Nurse

Union

Senior Class Officers

MR. THOMAS LAWRENCE - - - - - - - - - - Sponsor
GLENDO HUGHES - - - - - - - - - - - Vice President
BARKLEY EDWARDS - - - - - - - - - - - - Reporter
JOHNNY MUEHLSTEIN - - - - - -Sergeant-at-Arms
ROSE FUDGE - - - - - - - - - - Secretary-Treasurer
MAX WILLIAMS - - - - - - - - - - - - - President

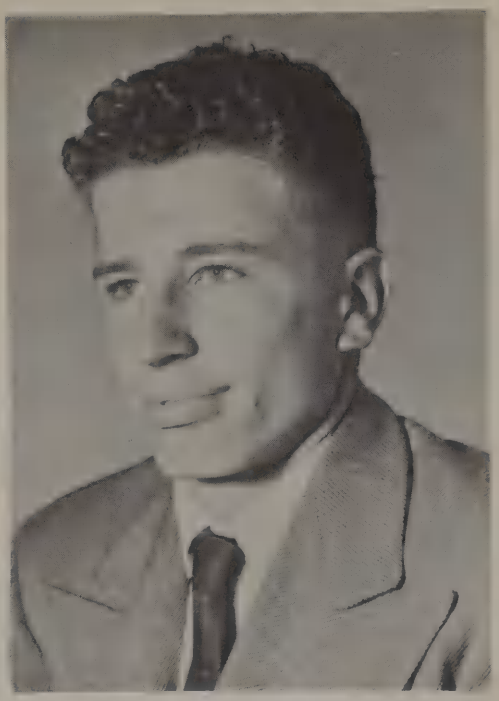
Senior Class Favorites

ROSE FUDGE

MAX WILLIAMS

RUTH EASTERLING
(Ruthie)
Basketball Captain.

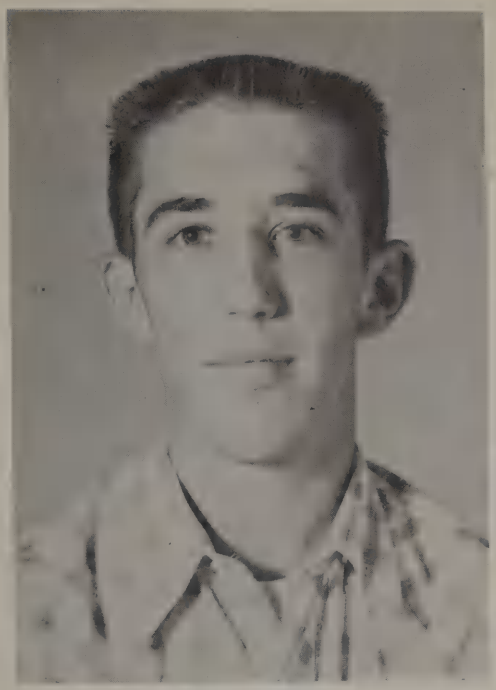
Seniors



BARKLEY EDWARDS
(Bachie)
Basketball; FFA; Most Friendly; Paper Staff.

ROSE FUDGE
(Fudgie)
Basketball Manager; FHA Secretary; Class Secretary and Favorite; Editor of Annual; Paper Staff.

GLENDO HUGHES
(Scooter)
Basketball; FFA; Senior Vice President; Best All-Round; Paper Staff; Annual Staff.



JIMMY LACKEY
(Chief)
FFA; Basketball; Editor of Paper.

Seniors

JOHNNY MUEHLSTEIN
(John)
Basketball; FFA; Most Attractive; Senior Sergeant-at-Arms; Annual Staff.

LESTER PUTMAN
(Put)
FFA; Basketball.

ISAAC SANTY
(Isa)
FFA

MAX WILLIAMS
(Clarence)
Basketball; FFA; FHA Sweetheart; Senior President; Most Athletic; Senior Favorite; Paper Staff.

Seniors

CURTIS WILLIAMSON
(Curtie)
FFA; Basketball.

FAITH ANN WISE
(Abigail)
Paper Staff.

MARTHA WORKMAN
(Workie)
Basketball; FHA; Annual Staff; Paper Staff.

Quiota

Junior Class Officers

STANLEY FOSTER - - - - - -Vice President
BRENDA SWENSON - - - - - - - - Reporter
MR. J.E. CONNEL - - - - - - - - - Sponsor
GLENNA EASTERLING - - - - - - Secretary
HANNAH BURNHAM - - - - - - - President

Junior Class Favorites

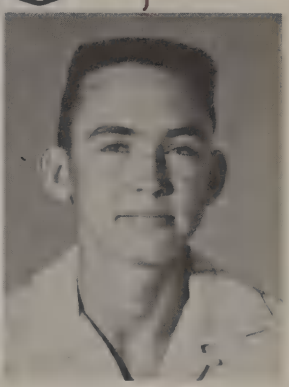
TONY HAM - PATSEY BOLDING

Juniors

PATSY BOLDING

HANNAH BURNHAM

GLENNA EASTERLING



STANLEY FOSTER

TONY HAM

RAY HOLDER

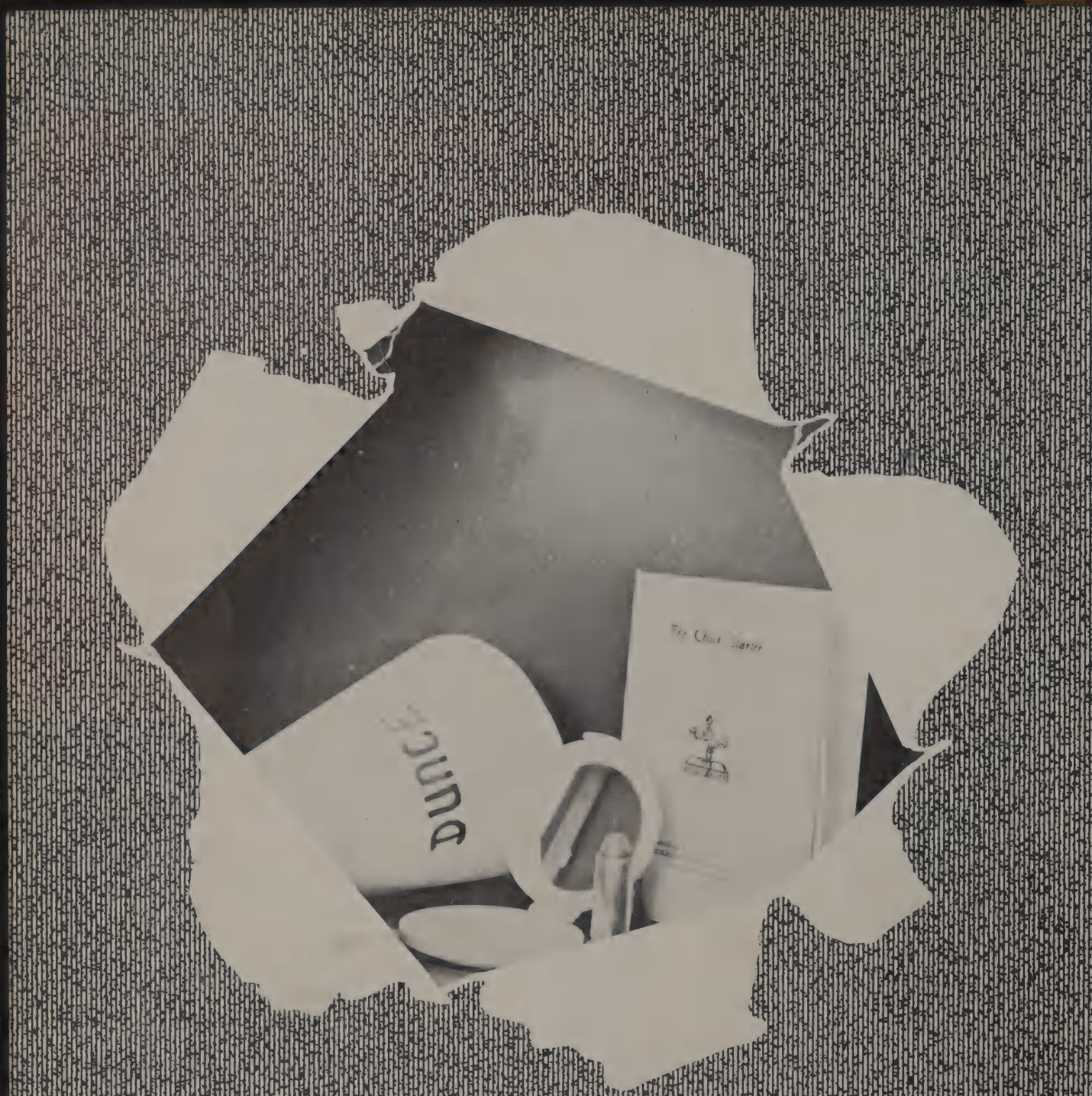
PAULA IVIE

DELORAS LINDSEY

MILTON MARTIN

TEDDY SANTY

BRENDA SWENSON



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Sophomore Class Officers

Chicquietta Hughes - - - - - - - - - Reporter
Cynthia Shelton - - - - - - -Vice President
Mrs. Lora Lewis - - - - - - - - - - - Sponsor
Gene Hughes - - - - - - - Sergeant-at-Arms
Darla Shelton - - - - - Secretary-Treasurer
Tommy Taylor - - - - - - - - - - - President

Sophomore Class Favorites

DARLA SHELTON

JOE IVIE

Sophomores

John Holden

Chicquietta Hughes

Gene Hughes

Joe Ivie

cynthia

Syble Santy

Cynthia Shelton

Darla Shelton

Jerry Sparks

Tommy Taylor

Gordon Whitworth

Platinum

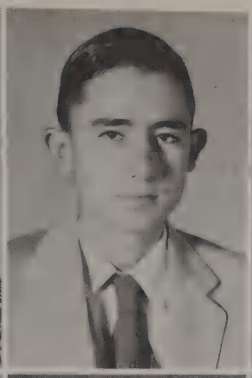
Freshman Class Officers

Mrs. Lois Hastings - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Sponsor
Madeline Swenson - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Reporter
Raymond Hughes - - - - - - - - - - - - Vice President
Lera Jo Lackey - - - - - - - - - - Secretary-Treasurer
Bobbye Byrd - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - President

Freshman Class Favorites

HELEN HUGHES ORVIS SMITH

Freshmen



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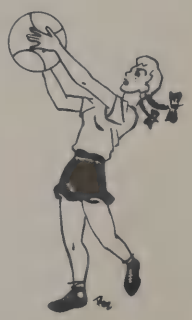
Bobbye Byrd

Ruby Easterling

Gloria Gibson

Nelda Holder

Helen Hughes



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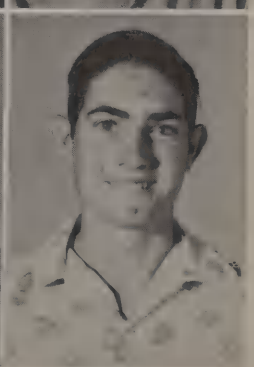
Lera Jo Lackey

Orvis Smith

Madeline Swenson

Jean Wilson

Royce Wilson



Junior Play

Eighth Grade

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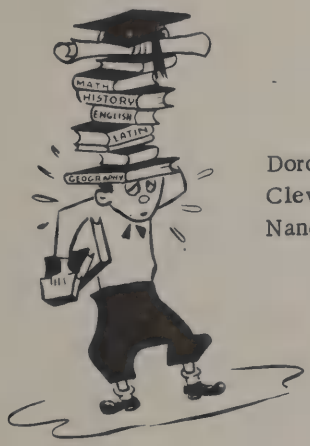
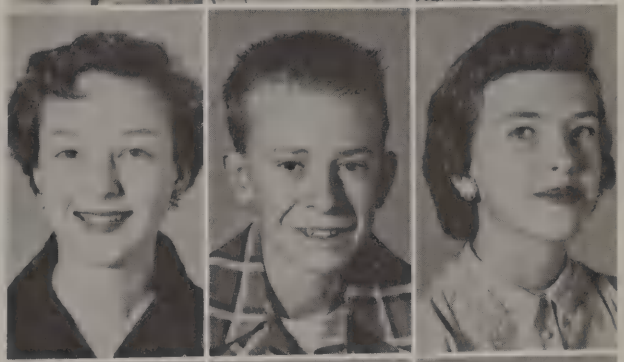
Mattie Easterling
Danny Edwards



Dorothy Fudge
Cleveland Garrett
Nancy Lyckman



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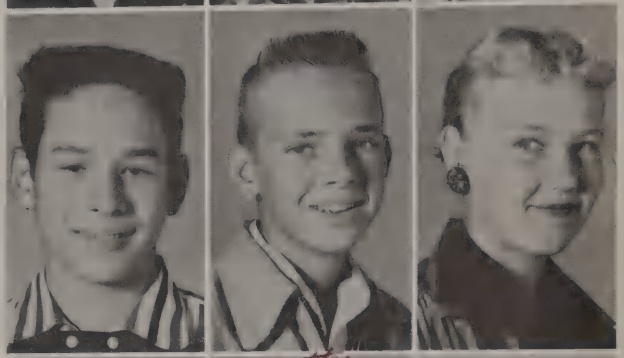
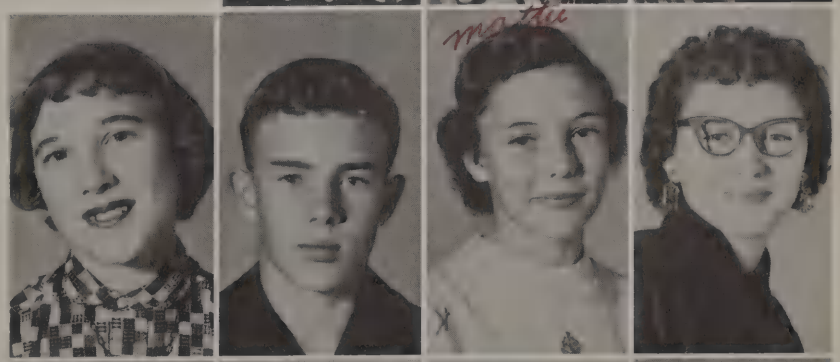
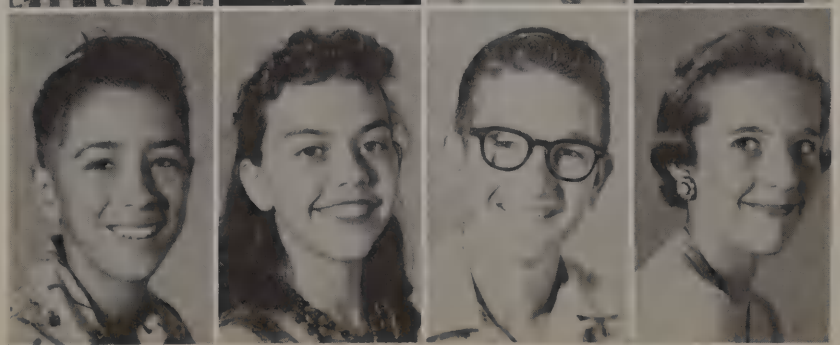
Larry Muehlstein
Mary Ann Nauert



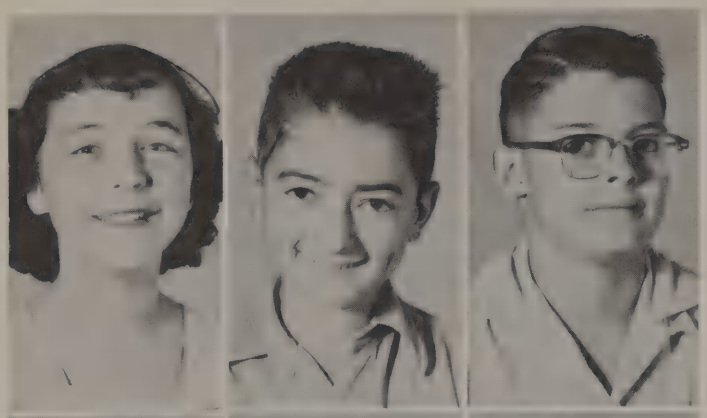
Susie Parr
Ronnie Riek
Mattie Shelton
Judy Smith



Pete Sylvester
Judith Thomas
Lesley Townsend
Norma True



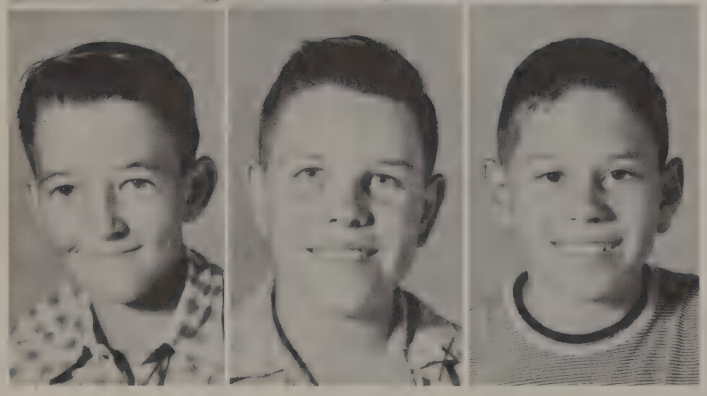
Seventh Grade



Linda Adams

Lynn Baker

Jerry Collins



Kenneth Lindsey

Theron McNair

Jack Meixner

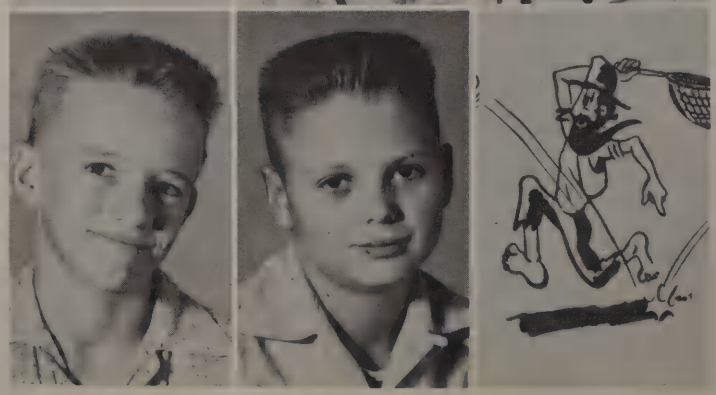
Mary Jane Ramirez

Garland Shelton

Lynell Thornton

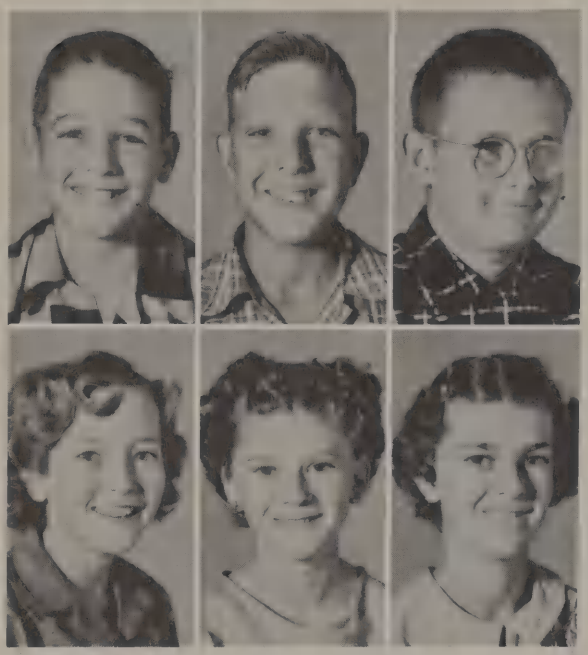
Bobby Whitworth

Mike Workman

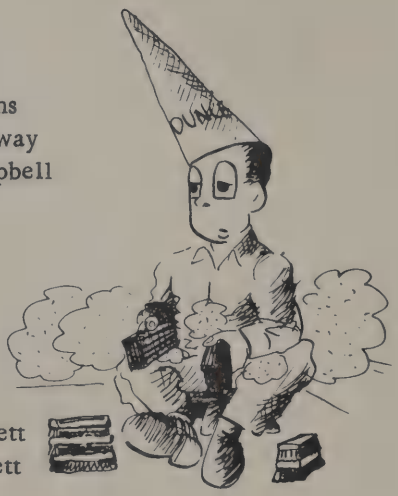


Tom and Jerry

Sixth Grade

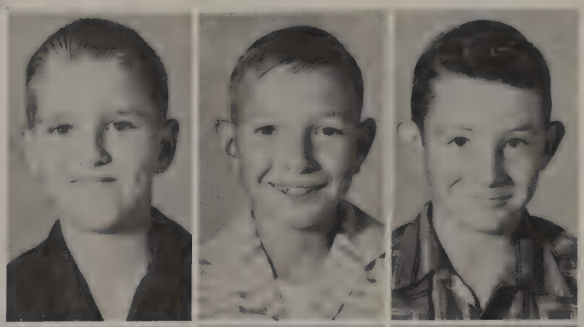


Ronnie Adams
Donnie Attaway
Johnny Campbell



Dora Fudge
Martha Garrett
Sandra Garrett

Dickie Hastings
Tommy Holden
John Holder



Flossie Jordan
Eva Mae Masters
Isabel Parr

Nelda Putman
Barbara Shuquist
June Swenson
Tyrone Townsend

Fifth Grade

Brenda Attaway
Ted Boedeker
Jackie Easterling

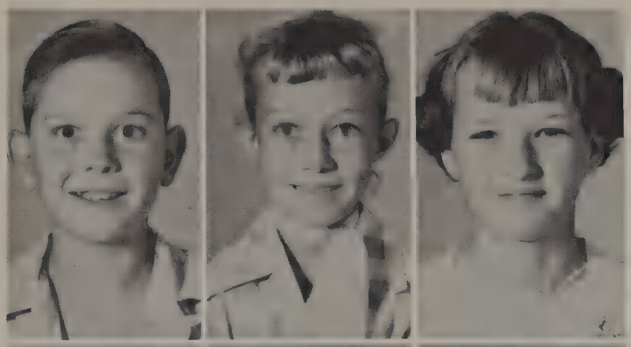
Billy Fillmon
Vernon Holder
Oneta Jo Meixner

Mildred Muehlstein
Joe Santy
Leno Santy

Marverine Shuquist
Francis Steiger
Kelley Thompson

Douglas Townsend
Gary Wooton
Patricia Workman

Fourth Grade

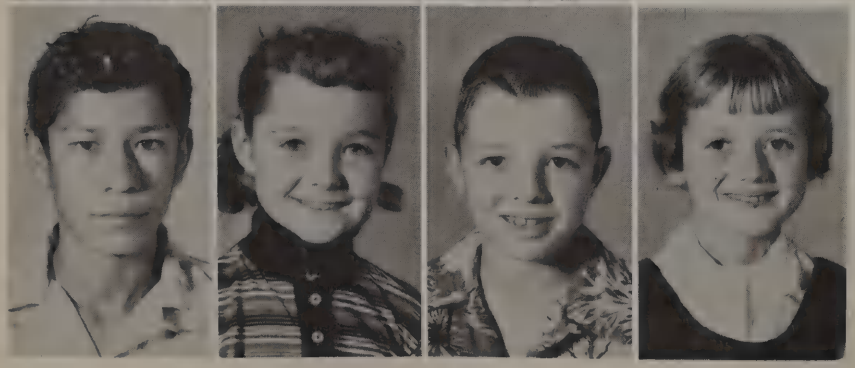


Allen Attaway
Virginia Caton
Jane Easterling

Beverly Jo Garrett
Betty Huffaker
Theresa Hughes

Gloria Masters
Wilma Masters
Joe Moreno

Joe Ramirez
Rosa Ramirez
Estan Sanchez



Joe Sanchez
Linda Sylvester
Lonnie Thornton
Wanda Workman

Third Grade

Zelda Agee

Linda Connel

Sandra Ham

Melva Hogg

Bobby Holder

Linda Lindsey

Jo Carolyn Jensen

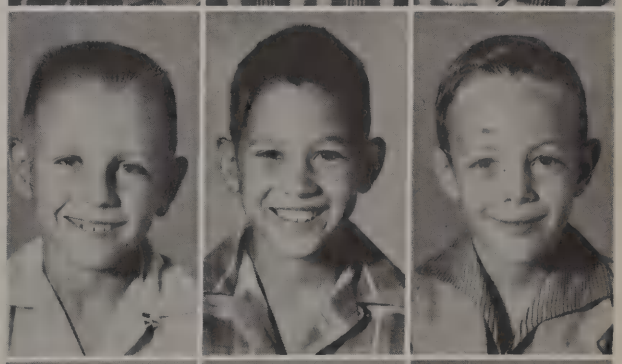
Martin Jensen

Milton Jensen

David McNair

Ralph Meixner

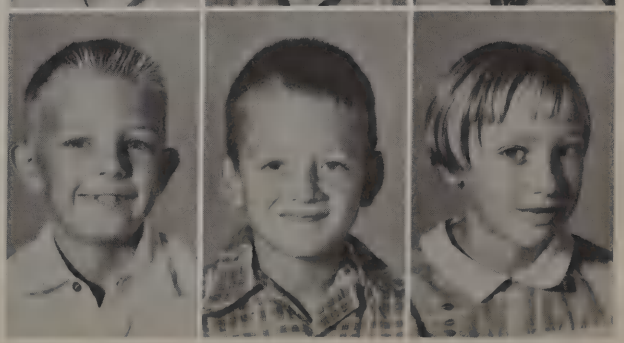
Timothy Riek



Phil Swenson

Charles Workman

Bonnie Wooten



Second Grade

Bruce Baker
Jeanne Buntin
Ann Boedeker

James Collins
Jeanie Cumba
James Fudge

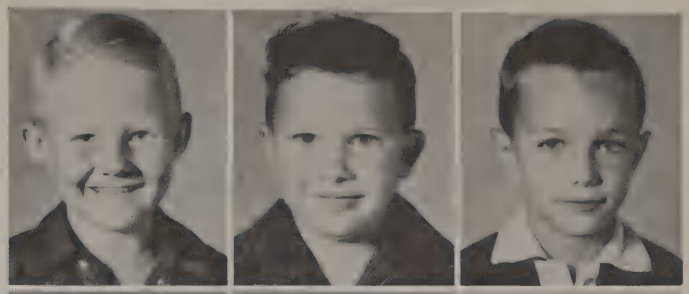
Molly Hastings
Judy Masters
Diane Olson

Elida Ramirez
Olga Ramirez
Rometo Ramirez

Patricia Stockton
Lupe Sanchez
Marsha True
Rebecca Weeks

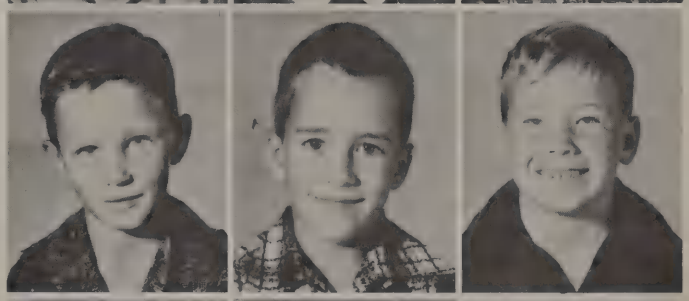
First Grade

Kent Agee
Allen Brown
Chuck Brownfield

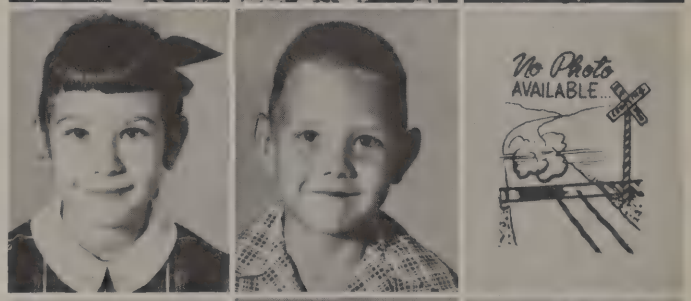


Danny Buntin
Alice Byrd
Calvin Edwards

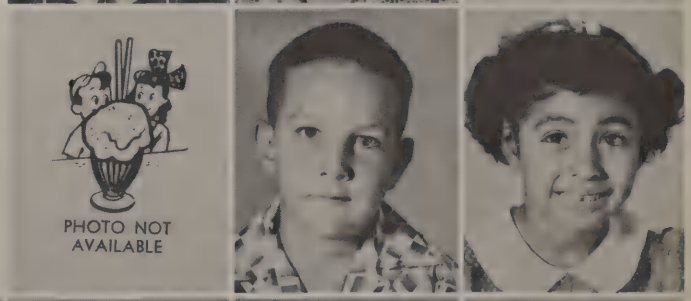
Melvin Edwards
Gary Lynn Hastings
Marvin Ivie



Karen McKeever
Denis Olson
George Ramirez



Marshal Ramirez
James Reding
Rosan Santy



David St. John
Mary Thomas
Randy Thompson
Harry Wilson

Awards

King and Queen

King RONNIE RIEK--Queen NORMA TRUE

Compliments of P. R. NICHOLSON--Phillips 66 Dealer
Stamford, Texas

Most Attractive

JOHNNY MUEHLSTEIN - DARLA SHELTON

Best All-Around

GLENDO HUGHES - CYNTHIA SHELTON

Most Athletic

GLENNA EASTERLING - MAX WILLIAMS

Friendliest

BARKLEY EDWARDS - BRENDA SWENSON

Olympics

Girls' Basketball Team and P.E. Class

Kneeling: Managers Rose Fudge and Darla Shelton. Seated: Lindsey, Ruby Easterling, Bolding, B. Swenson, G. Easterling, C. Hughes, Ruth Easterling, M. Swenson, H. Hughes, C. Shelton, Workman, Lackey. Coach: Mr. James E. Connel.

Compliments of AVOCA BOOSTERS

Standing: Ivie, Bolding, B. Swenson, C. Hughes, Ruth Easterling, G. Easterling, M. Swenson, Fudge, Mr. Connel. Kneeling: Wilson, Ruby Easterling, H. Hughes, C. Shelton, Workman, T. Santy, Gibson. Sitting: D. Shelton, Lindsey, Lackey, Holder, S. Santy.

Sisters

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Bus Loading for Abernathy

Boys' Basketball Team and P.E. Class

Standing: Ham, Putman, G. Hughes, Martin, Whitworth, Mr. G.E. Hastings, Coach. Kneeling: Williamson, Williams, Muehlstein, Lackey, Smith. Seated: Sparks, Manager; Byrd, Gene Hughes, R. Hughes, Foster, Manager.

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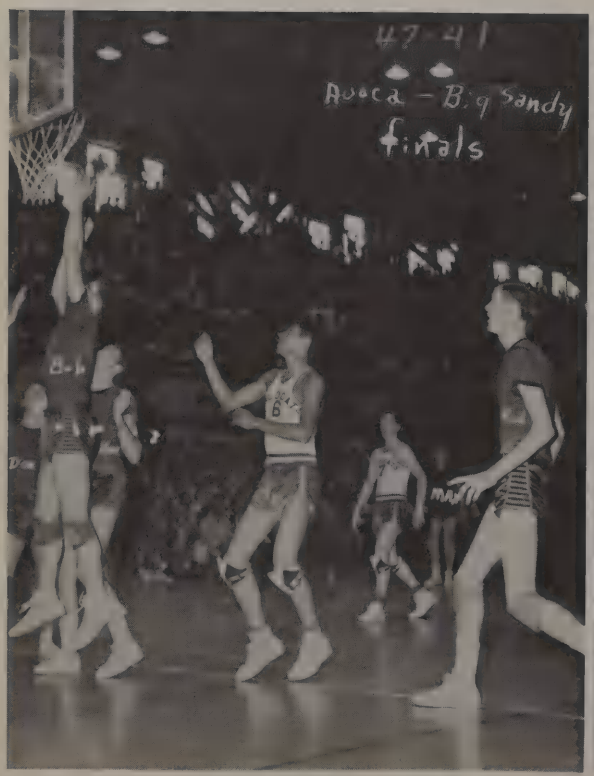
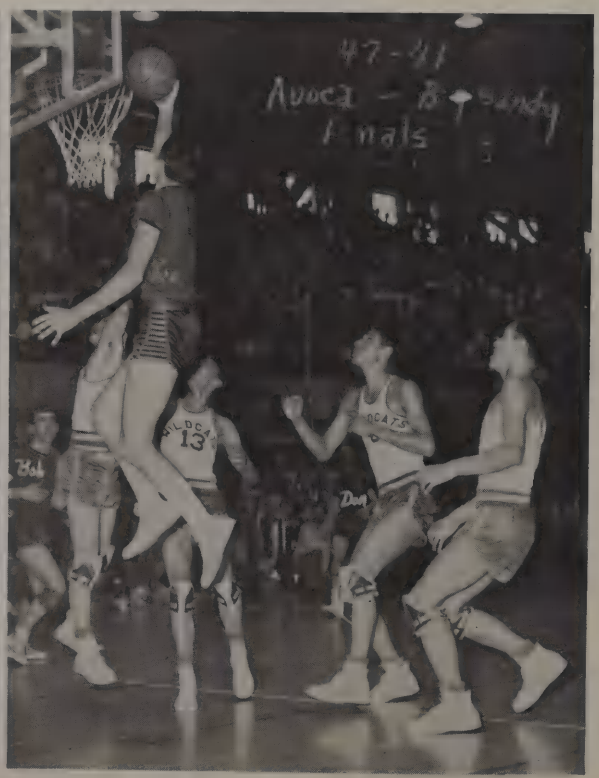
Standing: Ham, Putman, G. Hughes, Martin, Foster, Williams, Mr. G.E. Hastings. Kneeling: Holder, Williamson, Muehlstein, Lackey, Sparks, Smith, Wilson. Sitting: Byrd, Gene Hughes, R. Hughes, Adams, Ivie, Holden.

1955 State Champions, Class B Basketball

Coach, G.E. Hastings; Manager, Don Dixon; Kenneth King, Bud Shelton, Glendo Hughes, Jake Sanders, Lester Putman, Manager, Rondal Nauert; Assistant Coach, J.E. Connel. Seated: Bobby Gorden, Curtis Williamson, Barkley Edwards, Milton Martin, Max Williams, All-State Team; Don Whitworth, Jimmy Lackey not pictured.





The MUSTANG Record That Led to the Class "B" STATE CHAMPIONSHIP OF 1955

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Avoca	89	44	Shallowater
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Avoca	66	35	Merkel
Avoca	44	34	Stamford
Avoca	80	45	Noodle
Avoca	86	28	Lawn

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT, Brownwood

Avoca	96	63	Mertzon
Avoca	63	45	Burkett
Avoca	84	46	Evant

Avoca	106	45	South Taylor
Avoca	63	37	Winters
Avoca	87	39	Paint Creek
Avoca	36	32	Merkel
Avoca	67	56	Stamford
Avoca	70	38	Hawley
Avoca	81	37	Lueders
Avoca	90	67	Noodle
Avoca	94	42	South Taylor
Avoca	60	54	Childress
Avoca	77	50	Lawn
Avoca	38	36	San Angelo
Avoca	88	47	Hawley
Avoca	105	33	Lueders
Avoca	83	63	Hawley
Avoca	52	42	Hawley
Avoca	43	36	Stamford
Avoca	52	45	Childress
Avoca	99	59	Putman

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Avoca's Max Williams Unanimous All-State

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Hastings

Abilene Reporter-News

In the four seasons prior to 1955-56, Hastings' Mustangs won 142, lost 13. The current team, paced by All-State guard Max Williams, carries a 16-4 record into the Stamford Invitation tourney Thursday night.

Hastings is an alumnus of

Coaches of Year

DALLAS, Jan. 4 (AP)—Gordon Wood of Stamford in football, G. E. Hastings of Avoca in basketball, Tommy Duncan of Paris in baseball and Beverly Rockhold of Baytown in track were selected as high school coaches of the year in Texas.

The four were named by the Texas Sports Writers Association and will receive plaques at a sports achievement dinner in Dallas.

Hastings carried tiny Avoca to the state Class B basketball title, his team winning 44 games against only one loss last season. Avoca beat them all—teams from the upper divisions as well as in its own class.

Avoca's lone loss in the 1954-55 season was to 1-AAAA Borger. Sixteen district champions bowed to Avoca in non-district competition and the 44 victories included triumphs over two Class AAAA, one Class AAA, six Class AA, three Class A schools and three college freshman teams.

Avoca's Max Williams and Dwayne Johnston of O'Brien, a pair of high-scoring 5-9 guards, were named to the Class B All-State basketball team by the Texas Sports Writers Association with Williams a unanimous choice.

Williams' 6-2 teammate, Kenneth King tied for a forward slot on the third team with Bob Trower of Rankin. Rudy Raughton of Paint Creek gained an honorable mention berth.

Junior Boys' Basketball Team and P.E.

Team: Theron McNair, Jr., Jackson Meixner, Dickie Hastings, Lesley Townsend, Benny Attaway, Mr. Connel (Coach), Ronnie Riek, Harmon Meixner, Jr., Pete Sylvester, Larry Muehlstein, Cleveland Garrett. Managers: Bobby Whitworth and Mike Workman.

P.E. Class, Standing: McNair, Meixner, Hastings, Townsend, Attaway, Riek, Meixner, Sylvester, Muehlstein, Garrett, Mr. Connel. Kneeling: Shelton, Lindsey, Whitworth, Holden, Workman, Adams, Holder, Baker.

Junior Girls' Basketball Team and P.E.

Team: Dora Fudge, Barbara Shuquist, June Swenson, Judith Thomas, Norma True, Judy Smith, Mary Ann Nauert, Mr. Connel (Coach), Mattie Easterling, Nancy Lyckman, Dorothy Fudge, Eva Masters, Lenell Thornton, Mattie Shelton.

P. E. Class, Standing: Fudge, Shuquist, Swenson, Thomas, True, Smith, Nauert, Garrett, Easterling, Lyckman, Fudge, Masters, Thornton, Shelton, Mr. Connel. Kneeling: Jordan, Garrett, Putman, Adams.

Organizations

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Boy Scouts

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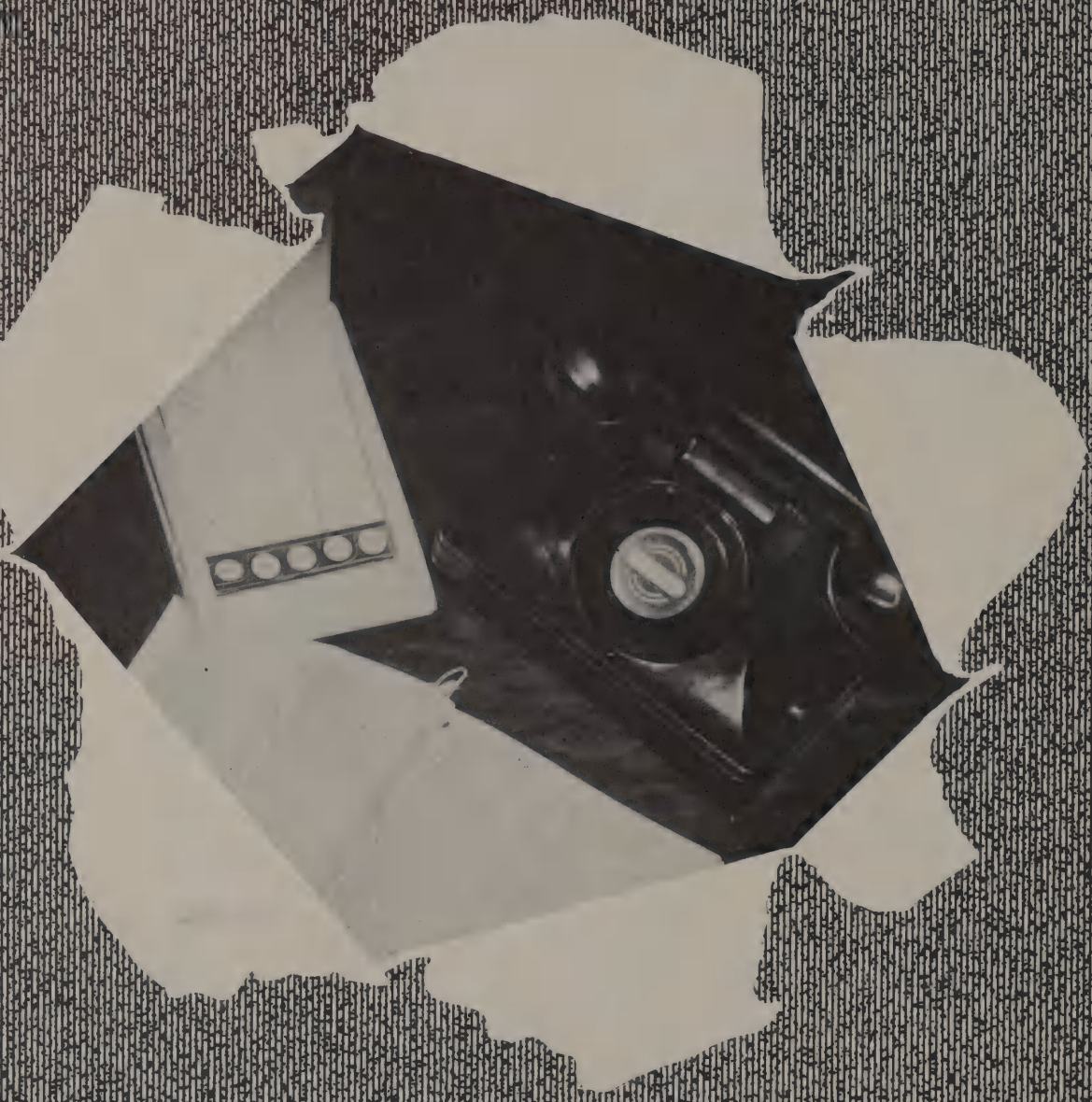

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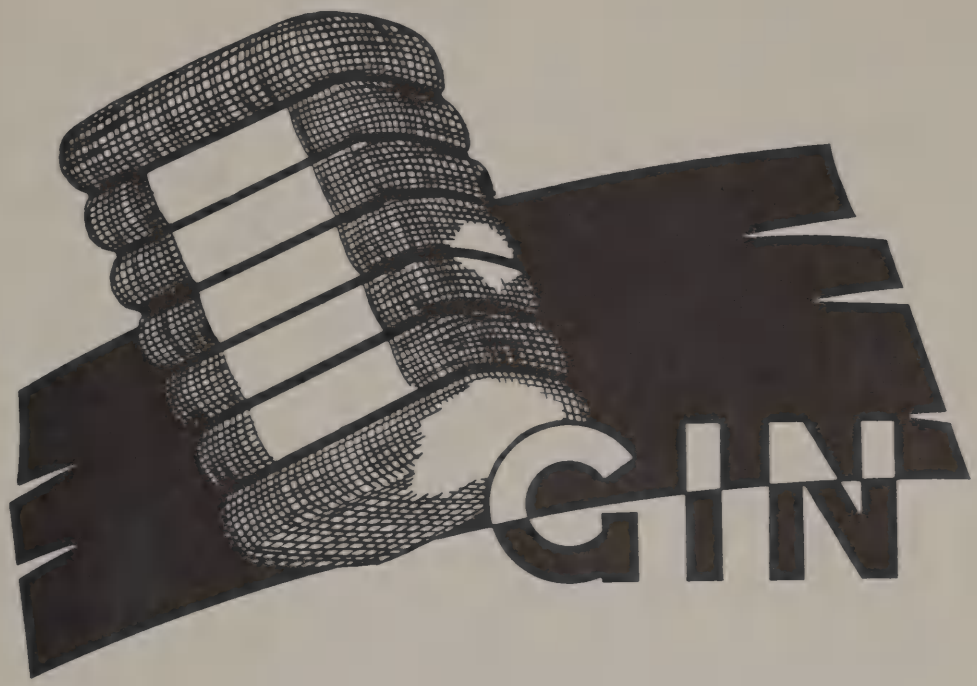

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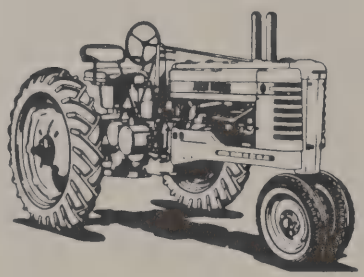

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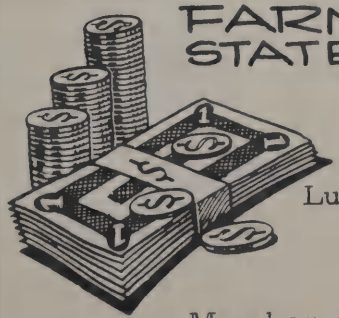

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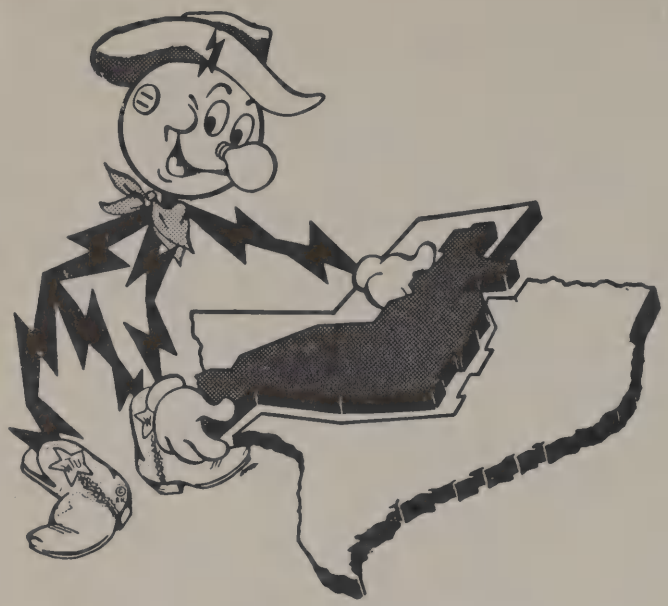

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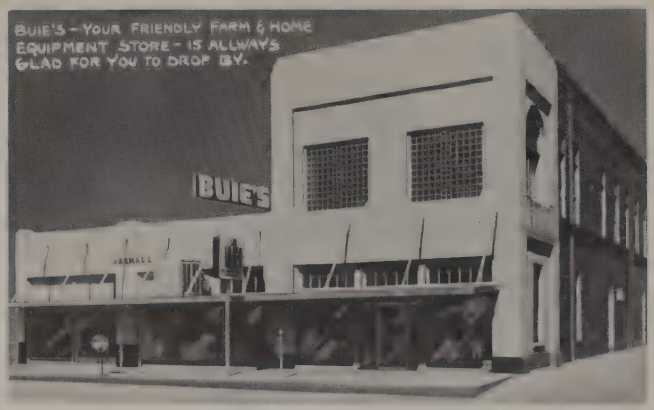

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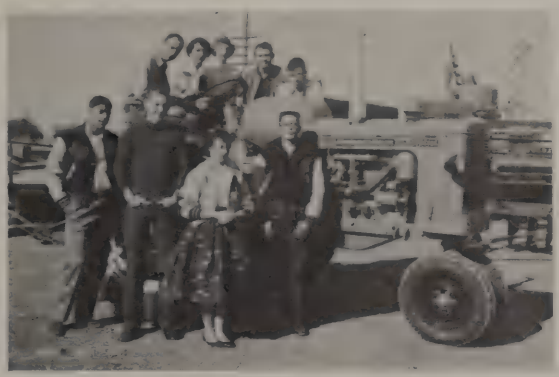

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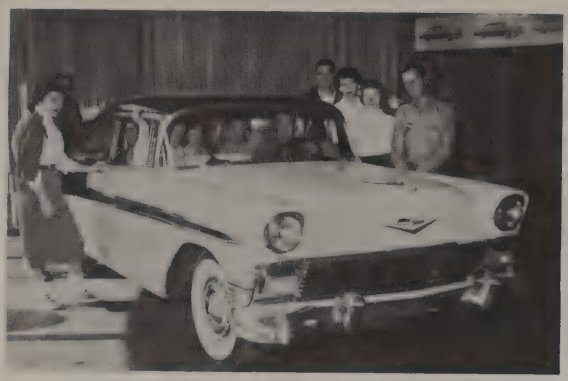

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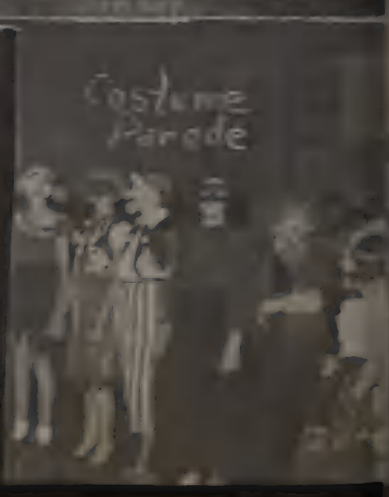
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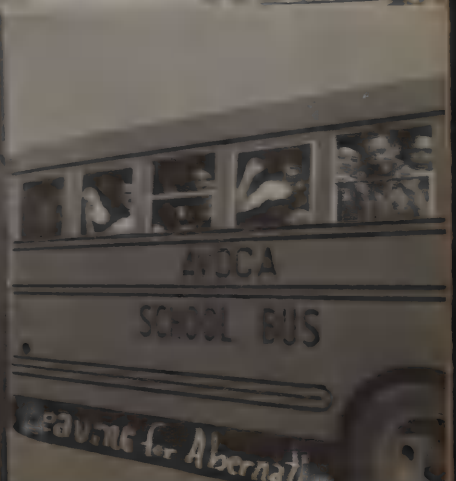
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Stamford Title Won by Avoca

1954

STAMFORD, Jan. 9, 1954—For the fourth time in five years the proud Mustangs carried home the Stamford Invitation Basketball Tournament trophy. Saturday night at first drubbed Haskell 74-42, in the finals.

Lanky Max Williams, all-state guard, hit 18 points as Coach G. E. Hastings' Mustangs and Wayne Alexander of Haskell led the scoring for the defeated. Alexander's 16 points was the consolation title over Roscoe 45-41, and Tye-Winters routed Weinert, 68-36, for seventh place.

Named on the all-tournament team were Leonard of Haskell, Williams of Avoca, Cummins of Stamford, McLeod of Merkel, Freddie Warren of Weinert, Billy Dave Throckmorton, and Lonnie Hughes, Avoca.

Avoca Raps South Taylor

TUESDAY, Jan. 26, 1954 — 5A

Avoca's Williams Above 700 Mark

Here's little reason why Avoca guard shouldn't score if he continues to play as he has in his first high year. To date he has 700 points for a 20.2 average. He is in the highest point state and one of the

AVOCA SETS STATE RECORD WITH 146-51 CAGE VICTORY

AVOCA, Jan. 26—The Avoca Mustangs smothered South Taylor (46-51) here Friday night to establish a new all-time state high school scoring record.

All-State guard Max Williams meshed 55 points to lead the onslaught that broke the old record of 128, set by Class B Bovina last year.

It was Avoca's 27th win of the year in 31 starts and kept the Wranglers unbeaten in District 17-B play.

Williams' 55 points came on 26 field goals and three foul shots—a single game record for West Central Texas. A check with state officials may prove Williams' mark a new state record.

Another Wrangler, Leonard Milton Martin, tallied 41 points while center Glenda Hughes dunked 27.

Avoca won the State Class B championship last year while winning 44 and losing only one to Class AAAA Borger. Avoca Coach G. E. Hastings only recently was named Basketball Coach of the Year for 1953.

Avoca Coach G. E. Hastings, who saw Lobo boys lose his defending ter than I expected. They're looking mighty fine right now."

Tyler Writer Recalls Abilene Incident

Avoca Raps Hawley, 63-45

1954

ABILENE, Jan. 15 (NNS)—All-state guard Max Williams counted 28 points here Tuesday night to lead the Avoca Mustangs to an easy 63-45 victory over the Hawley Bearcats in District 17-B action.

The victory moved Coach G. E. Hastings' Mustangs one notch closer to another district title. It was Avoca's 23rd win of the year.

Charles Thorn paced the Bearcats with 17 points. It was Hawley's second district loss.

Kitt Ruth Eberding strung 30 points for Avoca girls outburst the Hawley seven, 49-48. Phyllis Cooley led the losers with 31 points.

The two field goals were identical, four points.

AVOCA: Edwards 4-0-8; Harris 2-0-4; Hughes 4-4-12; Williams 26-3-55; Pattison 1-0-2. TOTALS: 28-7-63.

HAWLEY: Hobby 0-0-0; Thorn 7-3-17; Bonner 2-0-4; Lord 4-0-8; Jones 1-0-2; Cooley 1-0-2. TOTALS:

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Canda B

Becky. ✓ Becky Linda

Diane. ✓

Marsha ✓

Molly ✓

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James. F ✓

Bruce. B. ✓

Judy M. ✓

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Douglas

Sandra. B. ✓

Twanetta. A.

Charles W.

Phil S.

Barbara ✓

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